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SUBJ: LOS: NATO CONSULTATIONS

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1. MISSION CONCURS WITH REFTEL RECOMMENDATION THAT NAC CONSULT ON LOS SECURITY ISSUES IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH. FOLLOWING MINISTERIAL, WE WILL RAISE THIS MATTER WITH PERMREPS AND SUGGEST THAT POLADS WORK OUT DETAILS.

2. WE WILL HAVE CLEARER IDEA OF WHETHER AEGEAN OR OTHER ISSUES WILL POSE SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS HERE. DESPITE AEGEAN DISPUTE, GREEKS AND TURKS PARTICIPATED IN NAC DISCUSSION OF LOS ISSUES LAST MAY AND THEY CONTINUE TO CONSULT TOGETHER IN NATO ON WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS.

3. WE SUGGEST RECOMMENDING THAT CONSULTATIONS FOLLOW SAME PATTERN AS LAST YEAR:

A. COUNCIL MEETING IN MORNING WITH FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION AMONG EXPERTS IN AFTERNOON.

B. PARTICIPATION OF HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS, INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS TO MARCH LOS CONFERENCE.

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C. AGENDA SIMILAR TO THAT USED IN NATO CONSULTATIONS LAST MAY, I.E.:

I. SECURITY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AREA

II. MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF A POSSIBLE ECONOMIC ZONE

III. THE TERRITORIAL SEA

IV. NAVIGATION

V. THE POWERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGAN TO BE ESTABLISHED
FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF THE SEABED

VI. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

VII. MARINE POLLUTION

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(COMMENT: AGENDA WAS SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE DEBATE IN POLADS
LAST SPRING. GREEKS OBJECTED TO STRAITS AS AGENDA ITEM BUT
TACITLY ACCEPTED THAT OTHER DELS WOULD ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.
WE MIGHT HELP AVOID PROCEDURAL WRANGLE BY PROPOSING SIMILAR
AGENDA AND EMPHASIZING NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON ALLIANCE SECURITY
INTERESTS IN FORTHCOMING LOS CONFERENCE.)

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENT ON MISSION'S SUGGESTIONS.
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